

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:121
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2003
CONFERENCE OF AYURVEDIC DOCTORS
GAJENDRA SINGH RAJUKHEDI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether during the recently concluded conference of Ayurvedic doctors held in London, the need for the formation of a 'Global Ayurved Watch' was stressed as reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated January 20, 2003;
- (b) If so, the specific concerns expressed by the assembled participants in this regard; and
- (c) The way the Government propose to address the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 FOR 26.02.2003

The Government is aware that in a Conference held in London on 17th January, 2003, a resolution was adopted to create a body known as 'Ayurveda Watch' with representatives from all countries where there is significant number of qualified Ayurvedic practitioners as well as local professional associations. One of the objectives of 'Ayurveda Watch' will be to closely monitor the practice and marketing of Ayurvedic products in other countries so that any infringement of standards can be identified.

The specific concerns expressed in the Conference were

- (i) the number of hours for teaching of Ayurvedic system in any country should not be less than number of hours prescribed in India with the same course content,
- (ii) only qualified Ayurvedic doctors should be engaged in the teaching of Ayurveda,
- (iii) the products being exported from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Tibbet alone should be described as Ayurvedic products.

The Government is aware that certain countries are proposing to start formal teaching of Ayurveda System of Medicine. The British Government has proposed to regulate herbal medicinal practices including Ayurveda, Chinese Medicine and other herbal practices. The Government has suggested to them to include core curriculum of Ayurveda covering at least 1666 hours of teaching and clinical exposure in the proposed herbal medicine regulatory course. The core curriculum suggested by the Government includes only core Ayurvedic portion and the teaching of essential modern subjects will have to be provided for in addition.

The Government have always been asserting that only qualified Ayurvedic teachers should be engaged for teaching Ayurveda abroad.